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Dear Bella I believe I finished my
letter to you Wednesday evening & all our proceed-
ings up to that time - & as my time is short
now - I will wave all other things, & take up
where I left off - I mentioned that Mr & Mrs Perkins
called at the Dr's, Wednesday evening after our meeting
& I believe I told you what was the object of his call.
We thought it was decidedly to prevent Mr Phelps
coming as invited - So things remained until Friday
morning, when Lo! just after breakfast, the Rev Mr
P. called on us, Phebe & I was present - he came
smilingly into the room, & sat down & conversed
10 minutes, he then turned to me & said "Miss
Weston Martha wishes to know if you are going to
meet with the Juvenile society to-morrow" said
I (turning & looking hard at him) "yes I shall
be able to do so, I thought of leaving town this
week, but Mrs Fifield called on me yesterday, &
said Mrs Perkins was going to call another meeting
of our society, & I do not like to be away
when it takes place, I wish to be present at the
meeting". Here you will percieve I got the
ground, & I knew he felt I had, but he
exerted himself to say many bitter & ironical
things - I cannot write all but will tell you
some - said he was much grieved at the
resolution that I offered & which passed at
our meeting - I told him if he was grieved
I was sorry, but that I did not think he
was more grieved than I was when I saw
his name put to the Appeal, he was much
astonished at the ground I took but said
if I was aggrieved he too was sorry. We then
went right into the appeal, & I said just
what I chose of it, & of Fitch & Towne, leaving

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him & the other two, as the public had done
before me, as of not consequence enough to mention.
He said some impudent things, & I as much
so. He staid an hour & half I should think
& took his leave of us, with his opinion
of us by no means what it was when he
came in.– While he was there Mrs Fifield called
& he told her he was going to call on her
or something to that effect, they then went in-
to some talk, & by it I found ~~that~~ Mrs Fifield
might write to Mr Phelps as soon as she
pleased & invite him to come. I was perfectly
astonished & amused, why said I – "I thought
it was on Mr Phelps account that we were
to call another meeting, for (continued I)
Mrs Fifield called on me yesterday morning &
said that you had expressed a wish for her
not to write to Mr Phelps at present, as she
said you had some questions to ask him,
which if he answered to your satisfaction,
you should be glad to have him come, if
not you should not like to admit him to
your pulpit, He said something like this.
that Mr Phelps had made some explanations
& that when he saw him, he had no
doubt he would give him satisfaction entirely.
So – all this talk has been then about the
resolution in favor of the Liberator has it?
"Yes" said he, "& when I learned that Mr P's,
name was not put to them, I gave up the
whole affair", or words to this effect. Soon after
he left, & Mrs Fifield called again, to say that
the mens society was going to call a meeting of
their society & sustain us in the invite.
The next day or soon Mrs F. wrote to Phelps
& Garrison, & requested an immediate answer

she had one very soon, from Phelps, addressed
to Mr W. C. Fifield, beginning Dear Sir, & stating
he would be in Weymouth the next sabbath, if
Mr Perkins was going to be at home, and if
there was to be no other meeting in the
evening, with which this would interrupt. &
asked Mr W. C. Fifield to say this to Mr P.
Mrs F. took the letter to me, & asked my
advice respecting what she should do. I
told her to write a note to Mr P. & ask him
the questions Mr Phelps wanted answered—
she thought best to send the letter to him
& we fairly fought, but it was her letter
& she got Mr Pratt to carry it over, thus
putting the whole thing into his hands, Mr
P. answered Mr Phelps letter, & returned the
one he sent to Mrs F. By time this got
over I got mad with Mrs F. Mr Perkins
& Mr Phelps & concluded I would go off to
Boston, & see Phelps before he saw Mr Perkins
& tell him some things. So I left Weymouth
Thursday morning. Mr Phelps was out of town
& I did not see him, & have been sorry
that I left home before to-day, but perhaps
it is all for the best. I could not afford
to go down & come back, & my visit had
only just begun. Thus I have told you all
I suppose that took place there. I hope
you will be able to read this. I have
had no pen—write with my fingers. I
shall not thank you for the letter which
there received an hour or two after I got
here on Thursday. Did you intend that for
an answer to my long one? Write again
& that soon, & direct at Boston. I have
fought a battle with my minister which I
never did with any one out of the family before.
but truth shall come out. Of course you will keep all

this ~~to~~ yourself. I will keep you advised of all things ~~that~~ goes on with us. I am tired out
yours most affectionately M. W.

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Rev. A. A. Phelps.

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